

\$300,000 in Alternative Energy Grants Awarded

14 public and private projects will use solar, wind and biomass technologies to offset energy costs

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(Indianapolis)—14 Hoosier businesses, nonprofit agencies and municipalities have been awarded a total of \$300,000 in Alternative Power and Energy grants through the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development. The funding will help offset the cost of the purchase and installation of alternative energy systems utilizing renewable technologies such as solar, wind and Combined Heat and Power.

“These Hoosier towns and businesses are looking to the future, finding innovative ways to reduce their energy usage and be better environmental stewards,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “I applaud these small business owners and community leaders for their dedication to increasing our use of renewable energy.”

The Alternative Power and Energy (APE) grants is a competitive grant that provides up to \$25,000 in matching funds for the purchase and installation of renewable energy technology including Solar electricity, Solar hot water, small wind, and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) for municipal Wastewater treatment plants. The grants are competitively awarded based on a number of criteria including the educational value of the project, and how much traditional electricity/energy is offset by the project.

“An educational component is important to every project,” said Brandon Seitz, Director of the Office of Energy & Defense Development. These grants are meant to not only offset the use of traditional energy sources, but also to provide the opportunity to spread information about these alternative energy technologies.”

The 2008-2009 Alternative Power and Energy grantees are:

Name	City	Technology to be used	Total Grant
Bloomington South High School	Bloomington	Solar Electric	\$ 8,000
City of Noblesville	Noblesville	Wastewater CHP	\$24,000
Connor Prairie	Fishers	Solar Electric and Wind	19,100
Fairytale Farm	Camden	Wind	17,100
Hammond Port Authority	Hammond	Wind	24,250

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Name	City	Technology to be used	Total Grant
Hilton Garden Inn	Indianapolis	Solar Electric	\$19,600
Indiana State Fair Commission	Indianapolis	Solar Electric and Wind	21,400
Law Office of Matthew J. Elkin	Kokomo	Solar Electric	24,400
McCormick Motors	Nappanee	Solar Electric	24,300
New Holland Rochester	Rochester	Wind	24,300
Town of Chrisney	Chrisney	Solar Electric	24,000
Town of Merrillville	Merrillville	Solar Electric	23,250
Upland Brewery	Bloomington	Solar Water	22,000
VPS Architecture	Evansville	Solar Electric	24,300

The Alternative Power and Energy grant program is funded through the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development using grant dollars from the U.S. Department of Energy. Applications were accepted until early September. The grants were competitively awarded. Projects must be completed by May, 2009 to utilize the grant money.

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The Office of Energy & Defense Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. The office leads Indiana's efforts to develop alternative fuels for the U.S. military and assists in the development of Indiana's defense, aerospace and homeland security industries. For more information visit www.in.gov/energy.

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